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SUBJECT: US-EC RELATIONS

1. SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
STOESSEL'S MEETING WITH EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS SEPT 29 SAID DUTCH
WERE VERY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING AND FELT EXCELLENT
BASIS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF US-EC DEC-
LARATION. HE ANTICIPATED THAT AT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN OCT 18
INDIVIDUAL EC REPS WOULD MAKE STATEMENTS WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD

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BE FOLLOWED BY US STATEMENT, AND HOPEFULLY MEETING WOULD THEN

TURN TO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION'S WORDING. HE THOUGH AT LEAST ONE MORE MEETING OF THE TEN WOULD BE NEEDED AFTER THAT, AND THAT IF SUFFICIENT PROGRESS WERE NOT REGISTERED ON THE 18TH TWO MORE MEETINGS MIGHT BE NEEDED. HE SAID REACTION TO EC DRAFT WHICH US HAD CONVEYED IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN REFERRED TO EC PERMREPS IN BRUSSELS FOR THEIR "COMMENT" AND THAT SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO FURTHER LEAKS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION.

2. OFFICIAL SAID CURRENT TREND OF THINKING AMONG NINE WAS NOT TO HAVE JAPAN ASSOCIATED WITH US-EC DECLARATION, BUT INSTEAD TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF AGREEMENT ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WHICH THEN COULD BE FOLLOWED BY SOME FORM OF EC ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN.

3. OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING EC MEETING IN COPENHAGEN OCT 10 TO FURTHER CONSIDER EUROPEAN IDENTITY PAPER. AT SOME POINT THIS DOCUMENT -- WHICH HE THOUGH WOULD BE RATHER GENERAL IN NATURE -- WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

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